

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 KINSHA 10097 021321Z

62

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 L-03 /023 W

----- 083657

R 021245Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 791

INFO SECDEF WASHDC

USCINCEUR//ECJ4/7/

JCS (J5)

S E C R E T KINSHASA 10097

SECDEF FOR DSAA//ISA//AFRICAN DESK

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS CG

SUBJECT: GOZ COMMENTS ON MTAT REPORT

REF: (A) KINSHASA 9817; (B) CZAMISH MSG 0063 (C)

1. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO COMMENT ON GENERAL BABIA'S LETTER, "ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER AND COUNTER PROPOSITION," TEXT OF WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED REF (B).

2. IN SUM, THROUGH THE BABIA LETTER, MOBUTU DOES TWO BASIC THINGS: FIRST, HE REAFFIRMS HIS ACCEPTANCE OF THE GROUND FORCE UPGRADE PACKAGE AND THE THRUST OF THE MTAT REPORT, AS WE INFORMED WASHINGTON PER REF (A); AND SECONDLY, HE ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH HIS FURTHER NEGOTIATING POSITION WHICH WILL CALL FOR A LARGER GROUND FORCE UPGRADE PACKAGE AND A TELESOPING OF THE MECH INFANTRY DIVISION LAID OUT IN THE MTAT REPORT.

3. THE BABIA MESSAGE IS VINTAGE MOBUTU. BECAUSE OF HIS GRAVE SECURITY CONCERNS, MOBUTU HAS CONSISTENTLY ASKED FOR MORE THAN WE HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO CONSIDER, AND THEREFORE THIS LATEST PITCH COMES AS NO SURPRISE. ACCORDINGLY, WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE FACT THAT THE SURVEY TEAM WHICH COMES OUT HERE WILL HAVE TO COPE WITH MOBUTU'S THREAT PERCEPTIONS AND WITH THE KIND OF ZAIRIAN ARGUMENTS LAID OUT IN THE BABIA LETTER.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 KINSHA 10097 021321Z

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, WASHINGTON WILL NOTE THAT BABIA UNDERLINES THAT THE TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY AN AMERICAN GENERAL. WE CALCULATE THAT THE GOZ WANTS ROCKWELL TO RETURN, BUT WE WONDER IF THIS IS NECESSARY, OR EVEN DESIRABLE. ROCKWELL WOULD BE PLACED IN A DIFFICULT POSITION, BEING FORCED, IN SUM, TO REVIEW HIS OWN REPORT AND -- PRESUMABLY -- TO REFUSE TO ACCEDE TO HIS ZAIRIAN FRIENDS' ARGUMENTS. WE HASTEN TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT IF WASHINGTON DECIDES TO SEND ROCKWELL HERE AS HEAD OF THE SURVEY TEAM -- WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED. IN ANY EVENT, SINCE THE ZAIRIANS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY A GENERAL OFFICER, THEN IT SHOULD BE SO HEADED.

5. LASTLY, IN LIGHT OF THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS THAT THE GOZ HAS STAKED OUT, WE TRUST THAT IT IS EVIDENT TO ALL CONCERNED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY TEAM SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CHOSEN. THEIRS WILL BE A DELICATE AND IMPORTANT TASK. FRENCH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY AND DIPLOMATIC STYLE ARE PREREQUISITES. IT STRIKES US, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT THE TEAM'S SOUND RECRUITMENT SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER THEIR EARLY ARRIVAL. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LOA'S WILL BE READY FOR INSPECTION IN TWO MONTHS OR SO, WE MIGHT SHOOT FOR THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY OF 1977.
CUTLER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY PERSONNEL, MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, VISITS, SURVEYS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976KINSHA10097
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760447-0317
From: KINSHASA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761279/aaaacqri.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 KINSHASA 9817
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 JUL 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <07 JUL 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOZ COMMENTS ON MTAT REPORT
TAGS: MASS, CG, US, ROCKWELL, (MOBUTU SESE SEKO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006